

**Remarks**

Applicants again thank the Examiner for his careful review of their claims. In order to expedite prosecution of claims to subject matter of particular current interest, Applicants have amended the claims (see attached Listing of Claims) and in so doing, believe that the remaining language issues raised in the pending Office Action are now moot. The word "sulfate" was deleted from claim 36, and a semicolon was added to claims 22 and 36 at the end of the line beginning "each occurrence of R² ...".

The claim amendments are being made solely for expediting prosecution as noted above, rather than in acquiescence to any positions taken by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants are submitting their amendments without prejudice to the subsequent prosecution of claims to some or all of any subject matter which might be lost by virtue of this paper.

Once again, applicants thank the examiner for his continued thorough and thoughtful review of this case. We believe that the claims as amended are in good condition for allowance. If any issues remain open which might be amenable to resolution by phone, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney. In case agreement hasn't been reached within the statutory period, this paper also serves as applicants' Notice of Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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